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FOR DELIVERY TO GEN. CLIFTON EYES ONLY PRIOR 1700 BONN TIME.
 PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--EUROPEAN VISIT

1. UK-MLF

A. THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF ANY MOVEMENT SOON ON THE
 MLF QUESTION ON THE PART OF THE BRIT SH.

B. THIS IS WHAT DEFENSE MINISTER THORNEYCROFT TOLD OUR EMBASSY
 IN LONDON IN ANSWER TO A DIRECT QUESTION: "WHEN WILL THE BRITISH
 CABINET TAKE A DECISION CONCERNING MLF?"

C. THE BRITISH BUDGET, SAID THORNEYCROFT, CANNOT NOW BEAR THE
 BURDEN OF AN MLF COMMITMENT. THE MLF HAS, MOREOVER, "ALMOST NO
 FRIENDS IN PARLIAMENT" AT THE PRESENT MOMENT.

2. ITALY

A. PREMIER-DESIGNATE LEONE STANDS A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING
 PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL FOR HIS ALL -CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC GOVERN-
 MENT WHEN THE VOTE IS TAKEN, PROBABLY SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

B. REPORTS FROM ROME ARE THAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND
 REPUBLICANS WILL SUPPORT THE CARETAKER GOVERNMENT AND THAT
 THE NEMMI SOCIALISTS WILL ABSTAIN.

C. THE KEY FACTORS IN LEONE'S APPOINTMENT WERE PRESIDENT
 SEGNI'S DETERMINATION TO HAVE A NEW GOVERNMENT IN OFFICE FOR
 THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL, AND THE REALIZATION OF THE NEMMI
 SOCIALISTS THAT IF THE IMPASSE WERE NOT ENDED, SEGNI WOULD CALL
 FOR NEW ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS TO THE SOCIAL-
 IST PARTY.

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3. BRITISH GUIANA

A. PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY END TO THE STRIKE ARE NO BETTER.
 WHILE BURNHAM INSISTS THAT THE OFFENDING LABOR BILL BE STAMPED
 A DEAD LETTER, JAGAN'S NEWSPAPER SAYS THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO
 REVIVE THE BILL WHEN THE LEGISLATURE RECONVENES.

B. THE TRADES UNION COUNCIL AND JAGAN ARE ALSO AT OPPOSITE
 POLES ON ANOTHER ISSUE: THE TUC DEMANDS THAT THE WORKERS BE
 PAID FOR THE STRIKE PERIOD, BUT JAGAN SAYS THERE WILL BE NO SUCH
 PAY FOR WORKERS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLLS.

4. WEST BERLIN:

A. OUR BERLIN MISSION IS NOT HAPPY AT THE WAY BRANDT AND
 SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES ARE VIEWING THE NEW CROSSING POINT IN THE
 WALL WHICH THE EAST GERMANS OPENED A WEEK AGO TO PROVIDE EASY AC-
 CESS TO THEIR SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT.

B. BRANDT, IT IS FEARED, IS ENTICED BY THE IDEA OF EXPANDED
 AIR SERVICE TO BERLIN BY NON-ALLIED CARRIERS FLYING OUTSIDE THE
 CORRIDORS AND USING SCHOENEFELD.

C. THE MISSION, LIKE EMBASSY BONN, FEELS THIS COULD INJURE
 OUR AIR ACCESS RIGHTS.

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